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SUBJECT.

Management of the affairs of the Gumbuz & the masjid-e-ala at Srirangapatam.

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT

OFFICE NOTE.

File No.

SUBJECT.

Complaints regarding the Gumbuz and the Masjid-i-ala at Srirangapatam.

From

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

Letter No. 248, Dated 6th November 1905.

No. 2522 dated 2nd Jany 05. Flag A	Two Memorials – one presented by Subedar Syed Mohideen Bahadur and the other purporting to be from the staff of the Gumbuz and Masjid-i-ala at Srirangapatam, – were received in this Office, praying for certain improvements in the Gumbuz and the connected institutions.
No. 527, dated 29th July 05. Flag B	Those Memorials were forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District for report. That Officer has now submitted his report in which he says that the servants in the Gumbuz deny that the second of the
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petitions referred to above emanated from them. The several items of request ~~asked~~ made in the Memorials, and the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner on each of them are given side by side below.—

(1) The original practice of appointing the relations and dependants of Tippu Sultan and their descendants to posts in the Gumbaz and kindred institutions should be adhered to and no pensioners to be newly brought in. The Deputy Commissioner says that so long as there are men competent to fill vacancies in the Institutions, their claims may be favourably considered by Govt.

(2) The grant-in-aid now paid to the Mohomedan School at Mysore may also be transferred to the school at Ganjam The Deputy Commissioner says that he is inclined to recommend the request; as Ganjam requires every support to keep it going, and a better class of school would certainly help it to some extent.

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(3) That the grant of Rs 500/- for Tippu Sultan's Urus and the system of inviting these deserving Members of the Mohomedan

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community at Mysore should be revived — the Deputy Commissioner is not in favour of ~~this~~ granting this prayer.

(4) Fateha should be made to the relations and connections of Tippu Sultan. The Deputy Commissioner says that cost of on this account amounts to Rs 61-10-9 annually and may be allowed.

(5) The Gumbuz servants should not be used as orderlies. The Deputy Commissioner says that the only man who is so used is the one attached to the City Magistrate, and that as the latter is the President of the Fund, it is only right that this should so continue.

(6) The money grants made ~~to the poor~~, from the Gumbuz to the poor, should be converted into grain doles. The Deputy Commissioner is against this proposal.

(7) A cook on Rs 7 per mensem may

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be appointed - The Deputy Commissioner says that this may be allowed.

(8) The Gumbuz should be supplied with decorative cloths for the tombs, carpets for the floor, and mats for the mosque where the Koran is read. On this point the Deputy Commissioner does not say anything.

(9) The Gumbuz garden should be kept maintained and the malis given increases of pay. The Deputy Commissioner says that the matter will form the subject of a separate correspondence

(10) The appointments which were abolished from time to time may all be revived - The Deputy Commissioner has submitted a comparative statement of the Establishment of the Gumbuz as it stood in 1854 and as it stands at present. From it it is observed that some of the unnecessary appointments were abolished A Kanarese report on the religious practices obtaining in the Gumbuz as was obtained from the Mazuri and the

1854 and many a few more created

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same together with an English Translation thereof is in the file

Subd. for orders of the Dewan

Ds
24/11/05

Laid before the Councillor

C
10/5/1586

Read
11.5.06

I shall be glad if the Muzrai Secretary will favor the Dewan & myself with his opinion on the several points at an early date

KVM
11/5/06

Read
12/5/06 Lay before Mr Shantharam Row

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15/5/1586

Submitted

Ds
16/5/06

Muzrai Secretary's Remarks.

With reference to the first question relative to the appointment of persons for posts in the Gumbuz, the Deputy Commissioner's opinion

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namely that so long as there are men in the Gumbaz itself competent to fill vacancies, their claims may be favourably considered by Government, appears correct, and that is the policy which is being followed now. As a matter of fact, the persons in the Gumbuz are mostly related to Tippu Sultan or to one of his dependants. No guarantee can be given in the manner asked for by the petitioners.

As regards the second point, namely the transfer of the funds contributed to the Mohomedan School at Mysore to that at Ganjam, I beg to state that both these schools were established some years ago on the suggestion of the late Mr. Khan Bahadur Abdul Rahman as being useful to the Mohomedan community in those places. With the view of making their working efficient, ~~in~~ the management of the schools was, about 2 years ago, transferred to the Education Deptt, the cost being however met from the Gumbuz. The School at Mysore is doing very well, but that at Ganjam is reported to be carelessly maintained under

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its present Head Master, one Abdul Majid Saheb. I shall write to the Inspector General of Education for improving the status of this school, but there seems to be no reason for transferring the funds of the Mysore School to the Ganjam School.

With reference to the 3rd point, namely, the grant of Rs500 for Tippu Sultan's Urus and the system of inviting from Mysore City deserving members of the Mohomedan community thereto being revived, the following is submitted.

The Tasdik for Tippu Sultan's Urus has always been Rs187-8-9. But up to 1898, about Rs100 were given in each year as excess expenditure out of the savings on account of feeding the gentry of Mysore and Seringapatam. This excess was discontinued in the Tasdik Patti revised by Rai Bahadur Mr. Sreevassa Charlu. The present complaint is regarding this discontinued allowance. I have however sanctioned, on account of this Urus, excess expenditure of Rs40 last year and Rs80 this year, owing

to rise in the prices of food grains &c. Prince Gulam Mohomed, son of Tippu Sultan, was sending ₹500/- up to about the year 1888 in connection with the Urus and was conducting separate feeding. But this has been discontinued latterly. The sum of ₹500/- referred to by the petitioners is thus an amount which was not contributed from the Gumbuz, and cannot now be spared. Inviting people from Mysore is a costly affair which is accompanied by troubles in consequence of party feeling, and as it has been out of use for some years past, it need not now be revived. The Deputy Commissioner too does not recommend this measure.

The 4th prayer of the petitioners is that Fatehas to the relations and connections of Tippu Sultam should be made. With reference to this, it has been ascertained that Fatehas were given up to the year 1888 on account of the Urus of the mother, wife, sister, son, brother-in-law and 2 other near relatives of Tippu Sultan, but was afterwards discontinued.

The cost on this acoount, namely Rs61-10-9 per annum appears to have been utilized out of the savings of the Gumbuz and not provided separately in the fixed Tasdik Patti. The Deputy Commissioner says that this amount may be allowed and the Fatehas revived. I see no objection to this proposal which does not cost much.

I agree in the Deputy Commissioner's opinion on the 5th point that the services of one of the Gumbuz servants may be continued as an Orderly under the City Magistrate of Mysore who is the President of the Prince Gulam Mohomed's Charity Fund.

In the matter of the 6th prayer of the petitioners that the money grant made from the Gumbuz to the poor should be converted into grain doles, I beg to state that the payment of the amount in cash was resorted to some years back so as to prevent a great many abuses which prevailed when the grain dole system was in force. The

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Deputy Commissioner is not in favour of reverting to the old plan, and I beg to agree with him.

On the 7th request of the petitioners that a cook on Rs 7 may be appointed in the Gumbuz, the Deputy Commissioner says that one such man may be appointed. I however find that there is no regular work for a permanent man as cook, and that temporary men are appointed as cooks during important festivals and paid for from the Gumbuz funds. It appears to me to be unnecessary to appoint a permanent cook under these circumstances.

On the 8th point, viz., that decorative cloths for the tombs and carpets for the floors should be supplied, it is submitted that woollen and cotton carpets of great value were, about 2 years ago, got prepared in the Bangalore Central Jail and supplied for use in the Gumbuz. Two sets of silk cloths for covering the tombs with ~~real~~ good lace at great cost were prepared for ~~the~~ daily and extraordinary use in the Gumbuz and supplied at the same time.

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The ninth point is that the Gumbuz garden should be improved and that the Malies should be given increases of pay. There are already 12 Malies getting decent pay and it seems unnecessary to increase either their number or pay as their work is at present not very heavy. So far as the flower garden is concerned, the garden has been kept well. The other portion of the garden which contains mango, cocoanut and other trees requires a large outlay for improvement. Even now, the garden yields ₹450 per annum and the expenditure of about 2 or 3 thousand rupees may result in a larger income in the future. The matter will be enquired into and reported.

The tenth and last prayer is in regard to the revival of the appointments abolished from time to time in the Gumbuz Establishment. I find from enquiry that the old Establishment of the Gumbuz was thoroughly revised by Khan Bahadur

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Abdul Rahman Saheb in 1888, when he was in charge of the institution as City Magistrate of Mysore. It ~~was~~ is stated that he fixed the Establishment so as to meet the actual needs of the time also arranged for funds for the two Hindustani Schools newly established at Ganjam and in the Mysore City. The same Establishment has continued up to the present day with very little changes effected by Rai Bahadur Mr. Sreenivassa Charlu. There is no reason why an establishment fixed in this manner so as to meet all present requirements should now be increased, on the mere request of the petitioners, to the scale which existed at the commencement of the last century when Seringapatam was in a flourishing condition.

The Gumbuz and the Masjid-i-ala at Seringapatam which were for a long time under the management of the British Government having been transferred to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja at the time of the Rendition in 1881, for careful upkeep, every

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attention is being paid by Government Officers towards the efficient maintenance of these institutions and of the services therein. Extensive repairs at a cost of Rs8,000 are in progress in connection with the buildings. Carpets and tomb -- covers at a very heavy cost have been supplied and repairs to the paraphernalia such as large umbrellas &c at a cost of nearly Rs1,000 were executed. The Institutions are being inspected constantly by the undersigned and by the Deputy Commissioner and other local Officers.

Their upkeep received the approbation of Viceroys and of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in recent years.

The petition under disposal is the outcome of party spirit hich prevails at Mysore and at Seringapatam and does not deserve serious notice. However, an Endorsement may be given briefly ex-

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explaining the matters as stated above.

247 Submitted to the Dewan thro' the II Councillor.

Thanka Sami Rao

13th January 1907.

I agree with the Muzrai Secretary's opinions & proposals.
The school at Gunjam should be placed on an efficient footing.

14/1/07

Subd to the Dewan
14/1/07

I endorse everything that was laid down in Muzrai Secretary's memo.

An endorsement giving a public reply on each of the questions raised in my memo to the petitioners

24/2/1907

Subd to the 2d Cr
for sup.a 28/2/07

Seen 28/2/0

Returned 28/2/07.

Please file draft put up 9/3/07 Draft called for

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Orders were accordingly issued in the Govt. Pro: No. 4513-5, dated 16th March 1907.

In para 2 of the above order, the Govt. animadverted upon the work done by the Head Master of the Mohamedan school at Ganjam, and the I.G. of Education, to whom the management of the ~~Instn~~ school has been entrusted, was requested to take the needful steps towards improving the status of the Instn. In reply, the latter officer requests to be informed whether the Head Master Abdul Majid Sahib is more than 55 years of age, and if so, whether he may not be retired. Even if he is not of that age, the Inspector General wishes to know if there is any objection to his being retired on the score of his inefficiency.

Subd. for orders

Send copy of the I.Gs letter to the Dy Comr for favor of early report

6/4/07

Issue the long Endorsements also

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30/12/04 Mysore

To

MYSORE GOVERNMENT 2522 MUZRI SECRETARIAT

219/3/1/05.

Most Respected Sir,

We, the members of the Muhammadan Community of Mysore, most respectfully beg leave to bring the following lines to your honor's kind consideration and hope that these will meet with success.

We can by no means adequately thank our kind and benign Government for the various measures that it has ever been taking to promote the happiness and well-being of all its subjects—strict and impartial justice is administered to all; all peoples are treated alike and given equal privileges; in the case of religion, highest toleration prevails; all the subjects are enjoying perfect security of life and property; and grievances are listened to patiently and redressed promptly—in fact the Government seems to take a secret pleasure in discharging these onerous duties.

3. Almost all the people of this country—the Mussalmen in particular—firmly and most reverently believe that the shrines of both Tippoo Sultan and Hyder Ali possess miraculous powers, and so any prayers that are offered near these shrines will be at once granted, because of the sanctimoniousness of the place; for which reason, people repair from the distant parts of the country. In consequence of this, people regard these tombs and the close neighbourhood with great respect and religious sanctity.

4. During the reign of Tippu Sultan, many officials were appointed in the Goombaz (the dome which contains the royal tombs) and the masjide ála (the great mosque), the duties of all these being to offer prayers incessantly over the tombs of all the princes, the begums, and the royal parents of Tippoo Sultan. To perpetuate the memory of the dead and to pacify their souls, it was arranged that at the spot alms were to be regularly distributed among the poor.

5. After the fall of Seringapatam, the British generals with the consent of the Governor-General, declared that all the Goombaz establishment, as set up by Tippoo Sultan, should be continued for ever and that the Goombaz and other buildings were to be restored. The declaration was again confirmed in the year 1856. the circular as issued by Lord Dalhousie can be seen even at the present day in the building called the "Darya dowlat Bagh," and bears ample testimony to the same effect Under the management of the British officers, this arrangement continued for many years, and apparently without any appreciable change.

After the transfer of the Government of Mysore from the British to the Present Royal Family of Mysore, signs of deterioration in the Goombaz began to appear and the news at last reached the ears of the late Maharaja Chamrajendra Wodier Bhadur who evinced signs of great displeasure, and at once ordered that everything in connection with the Goombaz was to be restored to its original condition, as it existed under the management of the British generals. This was in the year 1888. The then Dewan of Mysore said that the question was to be discussed in an assembly of Muhammadans, and then the Government had to take steps as resolved in the assembly. Accordingly Deputy Commissioner, Meikal John, Sub-Divisional officer, Nomkal Rau, and Town Magistrate K. Mohamad Ali summoned all the leading and respectable Muhammadans of Mysore to three meetings to consider the proper way in which the affairs relating to the Goombaz were to be settled, and at last it was unanimously resolved that everything in connection with the Goombaz affair was to be carried on in future as under the British management of Mysore. In accordance with this decision many posts which had fallen vacant were instantaneously filled up and the fatahas (reading of prayers) which were stopped were again continued.

7. This arrangement lasted for twelve years when in 1901 a second arrangement was made, affairs in the Goombaz assumed a course which besides being very unsatisfactory has caused much harm to the original sound working of the place Though the sum of money annually spent on the place remained practically unaltered for the moment, still many other encroachments on the privileges of the place—such as the transfer of some officials of the place, the abolition of some posts, the removal of fatahas and some ooruses, and the negligence of the officers to attend to the needs of the locality—all these changes besides being condemned by those who are interested in the welfare of the place, seem to us wholly unnecessary and unjustifiable. Even had the Government been obliged to take these steps, it would have been desirable for the Government to take the unbiased opinions of the respectable members of this community and afterwards to proceed. Even when a petty servant desires to bring his grievances to the notice of the higher officers and even when a petty expense is to be incurred for the good of the place, the ~~matter~~ matters has to pass five stages *viz* the Nazim, the Amildar, the Sub-division officer, the Dy. Commissioner, and the Muzroy Secretary The apparent defects of such ~~a position~~ an arrangement are that any measure—however beneficial and ~~pr~~preserving for the locality, cannot be expected to be supported in all these places, and then again it takes a tediously long time for any proposal to be sanctioned. We therefore most submissively beg that your honor will be pleased to make a thorough inquiry into the existing state of affairs of the Goombaz and then oblige this humble community by restoring the working of the Goombaz to its original condition.

Some of the existing evils of the place, are hereby mentioned in the following paras.

(1) Formerly there were in the Goombaz ten Koran readers, one Katib and one Mouzan—the duty of all these being to read the Koran and say the fatahas in the Goombaz. There were again one farash, one door-keeper, one tabar-bardar and one garhrialchi with a dafedar above these; nine nakarchis with a jamaidar over them, eleven gardeners with a dafedar over them; and one Head Daroga, over all these 51 persons, assisted by a second Daroga and a Mootavelli—the work of these three officials being to exact and superintend the work of the above-mentioned servants, to keep a garden of thirty acres in good condition; to attend to the cleanliness of the place; to satisfy the visitors and pilgrims on any questions that they may ask; to see that fatahas were regularly said and other religious duties properly done; and to be responsible for the account of alms and other charities.

(2) In spite of the existence of many schools in Mysore for religious teaching, a new school from the Goombaz was opened there in 1888, and one Daroga, one Mootavelli, two Koran readers and one tabar-bardar sent to Mysore. Again one tabar-bardar is now acting as an orderly in the Mysore Treasury, and the posts of two Koran readers have been altogether abolished. Consequently, there has been a reduction of 8 hands in the Goombaz staff. When the two officials *viz* the Daroga and the Mootavelli were sent away from the Goombaz, their posts remained vacant for a long time and were then abolished; and their work was thrown on the Daroga that was left in the Goombaz, it is not possible for one man to do the duties of three.

(3) Before, the Goombaz garden was yielding an annual income of Rs 900, it now brings in only Rs. 300; and the Goombaz school in Mysore has been very much neglected by the paters families in consequence of the presence of many grant-in-aid schools in Mysore.

(4) Previously there used to be at Masjide Alá 6 Koran readers, 3 Katibs, 2 Mouzans, 1 Majavai, 1 Khazi, 1 Naib, and 4 Mootavellis of the four different masjids, and 2 mashalchis, 4 hammals, 2 tabar-bardars, 2 sweepers, 2 gossalk and gassalnis with a dafedar over these, and one daroga over these 35 persons, aided by two Mootavellis—the duties of these three officials being similar to those of the Goombaz officials. Over all these there used to be a Nazim who was paid from the Muzroy Department. In 1888 this office was abolished and the Daroga of the masjid was thenceforth ordered to do the duties of the Nazim also. The post of a Katib drawing Rs 20 a month and that of a Mootavelli drawing Rs 16 a month were both abolished. Now, the duties of these two officials have been thrust over a Mootavelli getting Rs. 10 a month; and a tabar-bardar is now in the Taluq Katcherry at Seringapatam Owing to these curtailments there has now been a total decrease of 6 hands in the staff of the masjid.

(5) Not long ago a visitor would find in the Goombaz many rich and splendid coverings over the tombs of those two mighty and proudest monarchs now it fills one with shame and grief to see one or two old and worn out coverings lying over the same tombs Even an ordinary Government officer can boast that the place of his office-room remains always covered with carpets But the floor of the Goombaz which had never been witnessed before without carpets and other stuff can at the present moment be found so

(6) Not very long ago there were kept in the Dargah of the Goombaz, many copper and brass vessels for the convenience of the pilgrims and other visitors, these could be had, most, at the present day there has been a terrible scarcity for these vessels—in consequence of which pilgrims and other visitors coming from distant parts of the country are put to much inconvenience

(7) The kitchen and the convent stand in urgent need of repairs, in the Goombaz mosque, over the place where the Koran is to be read and daily prayers offered, there are not sufficient mats—except perhaps one or two crambling ones Till 1901, more than Rs 500 was being spent on the annual oorus of Tippoo Sultan, and all the respectable, wealthy and deserving members of this community in Mysore used to get invitation letters, now—strange to say—the annual sum spent on the oorus has been reduced by Rs 300, and the invitation letters discontinued Plague is made a reason for this entactment, although, as a matter of fact, people and pilgrims go on assembling during the oorus as usual. Formerly, at the time of the oorus, Rs 15 or 20 ~~were~~ was being spent in saying fatahas over the tombs of Hyder Ali, the begams of Tippoo Sultan and other princes. Now we lament to say this important—though insignificant, sum has been needlessly stopped It is very difficult to understand why the Government has been observing a policy of rigid economy as regards the affairs of the Goombaz, although there are Rs 40,000 in the Goombaz fund

(8) Daily half a measure of grain (rice or ragi) was being given at the Goombaz to as many men, women and children as could come there Had this system been kept up, many people would daily come to the place to receive the grain and then go away—by which the ~~believers~~ loneliness of the spot could be counter-acted to a certain extent, which naturally arises, as the goombaz is at a distance from Ganjam, which is now in a frightfully ruined condition. The new arrangement of 1901 put a stop to this mode of distributing grain, and a new system brought in, by which some poor persons have been allowed per month Re 1-8-0 a head. This new system, then, besides being accompanied by ~~this~~ manyfold baneful results has robbed the ~~presents~~ precincts of the Goombaz of many people that used to come there before, to receive the grain

We beg to remain,

Most Respected Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

(Sd) Mahomed Ahmed Sait

Abu Abdulla Sait

(Sd) Soubadar Sayed Mahiadeen Bahadur

Joonus Jamall Sait

MYSORE GOVERNMENT
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29.7.05
CENTRAL SECRETARIAT

To.

from

D. P. E.

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29/7/05

Reference

Sir L. N. Krishna Avath, BL
KCIE
Dewan Bahadur of
Mysore

Most Respected Sir

The humble petition of the employees of the Ommbaz and Mosjida Allah most respectfully beg to bring the following few lines into your Honor's kind Consideration with a request that they will meet with better success.

After the fall of Seringapatam, when the Ommbaz and Mosjida Allah Departments were Established, it was laid down, that the service instead of being pensionable should be made hereditary, and to begin with only such persons, as were relations hips to Tippoo Sultan, or were then renowned for their learning and piety, were studiously filled up only by the sons and heirs of the deceased employees, and in their absence any such person as was entitled to a lift in the Department by his birth was chosen and he was required [illegible]

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Widows and orphans of the man whose place
he filled in. In case of an employee leaving
behind him an infant son the vacancy was
bestowed upon the infant but a relative of
his was always nominated to act for him
till he came of age to take up his duties
himself. Such is the procedure even to this
day in the Madhavara at Kolar which is
but a branch of this institution.

Being accustomed to such a state
of things from nearly four generations we have
come to regard the service as the only and
secure source of our livelihood and have
become attached to it as to an article of our
faith. But for some years our peace has been
disturbed, our rights trampled upon, and
innovations and intrusions have been persistently
forced upon us and the order of things which
was continued unmolested for over a century
has been violated. Outsiders such as pensioned
Sepoys retired men, from public service with
handsome pensions and personal favourites
of the in charge officers have been stealthily
sent to fill the vacancies in spite of the cries
and representations of the sons and heirs
of the deceased servants. Many posts have
been displacements and promotions according to
rank and seniority have been refused thereby
The Establishment has also been guadually

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We Abdul Rahman are the three officers late there were 10 Khuran Khan in the Masjid Allah and 10 in the Ammbary with a salary of Rs 11 & 10 each but that officer on dissolution the Establishment we approached with our grievances to His Highness our late beloved Maharaja and His Highness was graciously pleased to direct that there be an end of such illegal proceedings and that the Department should be run according to its own customs and traditions. For a time we were not troubled. But after the demise of our late lamented Highness of sacred memory the old policy of oppression was again resumed in the time of Rao Sumvasa Chetty and has been keeping increasing. We therefore humbly crave your Honor will be graciously pleased to enquire into the matter personally and redress or may kindly be referred to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiring the matter personally.

We beg to remain
Most Respectfully
Your Honor's Most Obedient
and Humble Servants.

Seringapatam
22.7.05.

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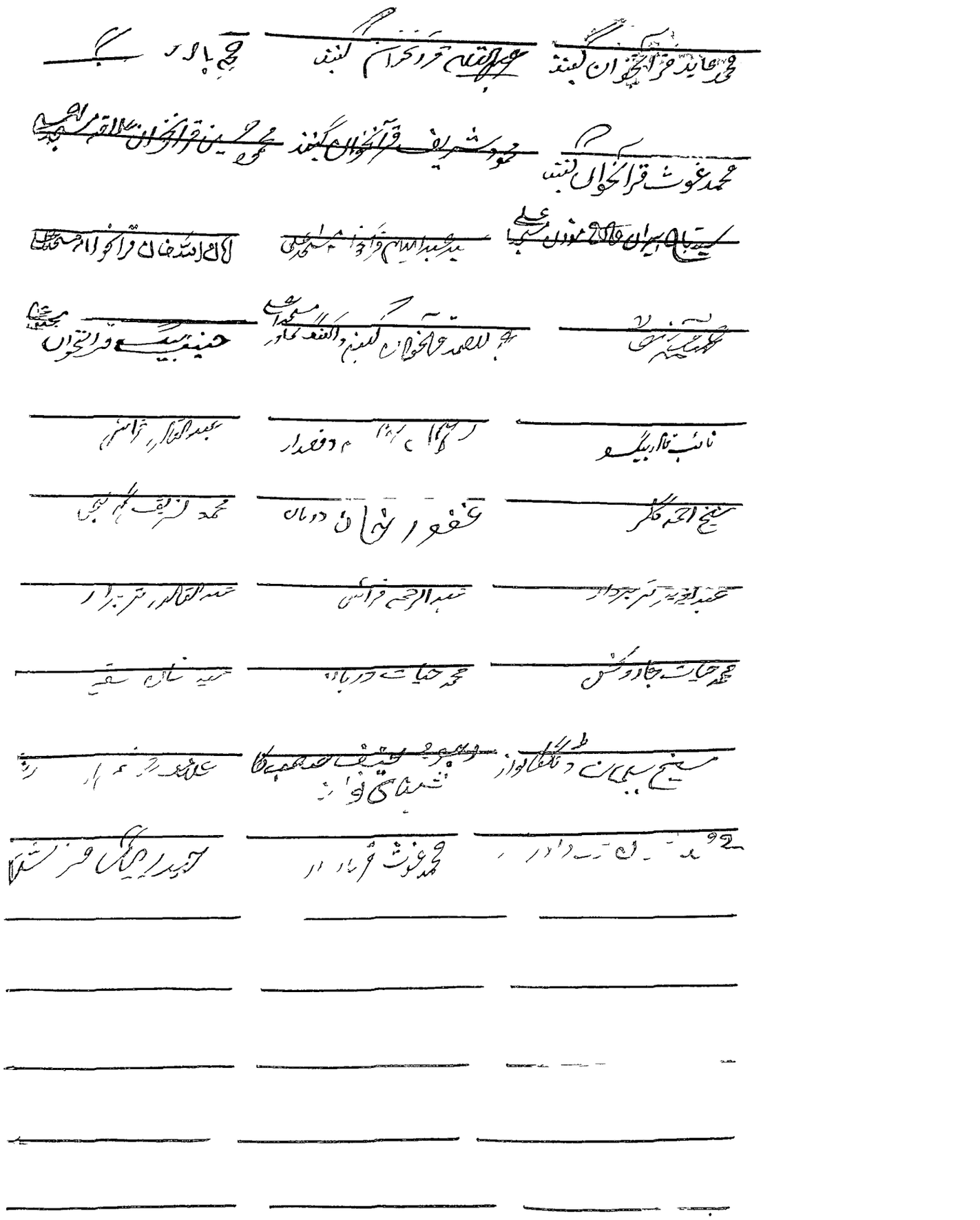

Dft- as per orders

No 4811 Encl
Dy 30.6.05
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To

The Dy Commr
Mysore District-

Has the honour to
forward herewith petition
Regd no 25-22 dated 30th
December 1904 from Mr
Subadar Syed Mahomed
Bahadur and other
members of the Mahommedan
Community, complaining
of certain changes effected
in the Lyenbagh and
other Mahommedan
Institutions at
Seringapatam -

Requests must be detailed
reports on all the points
noted in the petition may
be forwarded to this office
at an
early date.

By order

Dpl. 29/6/05
Secretary.

Mangonui Depot

28/6/05

Enclosure Returned

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From

The Muzrai Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore.

To

The Deputy Comr.
Mysore District.

Dated

Despatched 28 August 1905

Received

Enclosures No.

General No 1098
M. No.

This Office No. 4811 dated

30th June 1905 calling for the submission of a detailed report on the complaint of certain Mahommadans against the changes alleged to have been effected in the Gumbaz and other Mahammadan institutions at Seringapatam

and subsequent reminder marginally noted

Has the honor to draw attention to the above and to request an early reply

"By Order"

23/8/05

Muzrai-Secretary.

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No. 656
1.8.05

Endorsement.

In reply to their petition Registered No. 2522 dated 30th December 1904, Complaining of certain changes alleged to have been effected in the Gumbaz and other Mohamadan Institutions at Seringapatam, Subedar Syed Mohadin Bahadur and other petitioners are informed that a detailed report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, on all the allegations Contained in the petition

By Order,
(Sgd)
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Secretary,
Muzr. Department

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GOVT. OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA
OF MYSORE,

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No.

The accompanying Petition No. 527
dated 22.7.05 received at this 29.7.05
Office from the Employee of the
Guruburg and Masjid-i-ala
at Srirangapatam, complaining
that the hereditary nature
of their appointments which
was ever recognised by

is forwarded, together with its
enclosures, to the

H. H. the late Maharaja
has been recently overlooked
and that pensioned officials
and others are steadily
brought in to fill up any
any vacancy or even,
is forwarded to the
Commissioner, Mysore Dist.
in Executive duplicate of this office
No. KSR(S)/30.6.05, with a request
that of enquiry and report
a very early date.

By Order,

Dpk. 16/8/05

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Secretary,
Muzrai Department.

called for may
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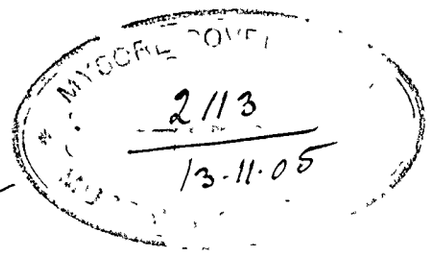

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From
H. H. Sparkes Esq:
Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

To
L. Anantasawmi Rao
Esq: B.A.
Secy: to Govt Mucg: Deptt

Dated 6th Nov: 1905

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General No. 248
No.

Enclosure No 1 Petn Regd No 2522 of 30-12-04
1 Petn No 2027 of 22 7 05
1 Statement

Submits reports on the petns from Mr Subedar Syed Nathodin Bahadur & others of the Mahomedan Community and employees of the Gumbaz & Masjid iala complaining of internal changes effected in the Gumbaz &c

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Deputy Commissioners office
Mysore District
Mysuru Department, Dated
Seringapatam 6th November 1905

To

L. Anantarama Row Esqr B.A.,
Secretary to the Government Mysore
Mysuru Department.

Sir,

In refg to your No 863 of 22
July 1905 calling for a report on the peti-
tion presented by the members of the
Commee at Seringapatam, I have the
honor to inform you that I met the
members of the Commee in Company
with the Assistant Commissioner in
August last with a view to enquire into
their grievances. They informed me that
petition had not emanated from them
but from the Mohamedans of Mysore, but
that the Chief Complaint was that the
appointments to the Commee should be
made hereditary and that no
Hindu be appointed as was lately done,

I think may be kindly considered as long as the applicants are competent to fill the vacancies. Their next prayer was that the whole of the grant for the Mohammedan School should be made to the School at Ganjam alone, and not partly to Vizagapatam as is now the case. This I am inclined to recommend as Ganjam requires every support to keep it going and a better class of school would contain help it to some extent.

Another prayer was that the Zamorin should be entrusted to the people of Calicut as was done prior to the plague, this I cannot recommend under the present circumstances.

The next petition was that the Zamorin should be made to the relations and Connections of Tippoo Sultan as this only amounts to Rs. 61-10-9 annually. I would recommend that this be allowed.

The next prayer was that the Zamorin's servants should not be used as orderlies. An enquiry satisfied that the only

Servant so used is the usual allowance to the City Magistrate at Nagpore, and as he is the President of the fund, I think it only right that this should continue

The request that the present money grant be again converted into grain doles cannot be recommended for obvious reasons.

They ask for a Cook on a monthly pay of Rs. 7/- this, I think, may be allowed -

As regards the up keep of the garden and better pay of the Mali, this subject form a matter of separate Correspondence. I beg to enclose statement of establishment as it stood in 1854 and the present day shewing add by Sirdi -

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

[signature]

Deputy Commissioner's

Nagpore District

Draft as per Dewan's order.

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Read :-

Petitions
~~Memorials~~ Regd nos

2522, ~~dated~~ and 527, dated

2nd January ~~1905~~ and 29th

July 1905 respectively, received

from Subedar Syed Mohideen

Bahadur and from the ~~staff~~ servants of

the Gumbuz and Masjid-i-ala

at Seringapatam, regarding

the affairs of the said Institu

Correspondence ending

with letter No. 248, dated the

6th November 1905, reporting

on the above.

Order thereon :-

The first of the ~~prayers~~ prayers

made in the petitions
~~read in the Memorials~~ read

above ~~memorials~~ is that the original

practice of appointing the

relations and dependants

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of Tippu Sultan and their descendants
to posts in the Gumbuz and Kindred
institutions should be adhered to
and no pensioners re should be
newly brought in. The Deputy
with reference to this,
Commissioner states that so long
as there are men in the Gumbuz
itself competent to fill vacancies
their claims may be favorably
viewed by Govt. The Govt observe
that this view of the Deputy
Commissioner is correct, and that
that is the policy which is being
followed now. As a matter of
fact, the persons in the Gumbuz
are mostly related to Tippu Sultan
or to some one of his dependants.
The Govt however observe that
no guarantee can be given in
the manner asked for by the
petitioners

2 As regards the second prayer, namely the transfer of the funds contributed to the Mohomedan school at Mysore from to that at Ganjam, the Govt observe that both those schools were established some years ago on the suggestion of the late Mr Khan Bahadur Abdul Rahuman Sahib as being useful to the Mohomedan community in those places. With the view of making their working efficient, the management of the schools was about 2 years ago transferred to the Education Deptt, the cost however being met from the Grumbug It is understood that the School at Mysore is doing very well, but that at Ganjam is reported to be carelessly maintained under its present Head Master one Abdul majid Saheb. The Inspector

General of Education in Mysore is requested to take the needful steps towards ~~those addressed in the matter of~~ improving the status of the latter school, viz that at Ganjam; ~~and~~ The Govt however see no reason to transfer the funds of the Mysore School to the Ganjam School as prayed for.

3. The third point referred to by the petitioners relates to the grant of Rs 500/- for Tippu Sultan's Urus and to the revival of the system of inviting from the Mysore City, deserving members of the Mohamedan community thereto. With reference to this point, the Govt observe that the Jasdik for the Tippu Sultan's Urus has always been Rs 187-8-9 But upto to 1898, about Rs 100/- were sanctioned in each year as excess expenditure out of the savings of the Gumbuz, on account of the feeding of the poority of Mysore and Seringapatam. This excess was discontinued in the Jasdik Patti revised by the late

Munsai Secretary Rai Bahadur
Mr. A. Seenivasacharlu. The
present complaint is regarding
this discontinued allowance.
The Govt have however sanctioned
on account of this Urus, excess
expenditure of Rs 40/- last year,
and Rs 80/- this year owing to rise
in the price of food grains &c.
Prince Gulam Mohamed, son of
Tippu Sultan, appears to have sent Rs 500/-
up to about the year 1888 in con-
nection with the Urus and
was conducted feeding separately.
But this has been discontinued
latterly. The sum of Rs 500/-
referred to above by the petitioners
is thus an amount which
was not contributed from the
Guaranty, and the Govt observe
that that amount cannot be

spaced. Inviting people from Mysore
for the Urus is a costly ~~affair~~
~~which is accompanied by troubles~~
~~in consequence of party feeling~~,
and as it has been out of use
for some years past, the Govt., concurring
with the Deputy Commissioner,
direct that it need not now
be revived.

4. The fourth prayer of the
petitioners is that Fatehas to the
relations and connections of
Hyder Sultan should be made.
With refce to this point, the Govt
observe that it ~~has been~~ was ascertained from enquiries personally instituted by the Maharaja Sec.ty during his recent visit to
that Fatehas were, up to the year 1888,
given on account of the Urus of
the mother, wife, sister, son, brother-in-law
and 2 other near relatives of Hyder Sultan
but was afterwards discontinued
the cost on this account, namely

Rs 61-10-9 per annum, is understood to have been met from the savings of the Gumbaz and was not separately provided in the fixed Jasdik Patti the Deputy Commissioner recommends that this amount may be allowed in future also and the Jatehas reserved. The recommendation is sanctioned.

5. The fifth prayer of the petitioners is that the Gumbaz servants should not be used as orderlies. With refce to this, the Deputy Commissioner is of opinion that the services of one of the Gumbaz servants may be continued as an orderly under the City Magistrate of

Mysore who is the President of the Prince Gulam Mohomed's Charity Fund. In this opinion, the Govt. concur.

6. In the matter of the 6th prayer of the petitioners that the money grant made to the poor from the Langarkhana charity attached to the Gumbaz should be converted into grain doles, the Govt observe that the payment of the amount in cash was resorted to some years ago, so as to prevent a great many abuses which prevailed when the grain dole system was in force. They do not see sufficient reason to revert to the old system now and cannot therefore grant this prayer of the petitioners.

7. The seventh prayer of the petitioners is that a cook

on Rs 7 may be permanently appointed in the Gumbuz. The Deputy Commissioner recommends that one such man may be appointed. The Govt however observe that there is no regular work for a permanent man as cook, and that temporary men are appointed as cooks during important festivals and paid for from the Gumbuz funds. The Govt therefore deem it unnecessary to appoint a permanent cook under these circumstances.

8 Regarding the eighth prayer viz that decorative cloths for the tombs, and carpets for the floors of the Gumbuz, should be suitable

that woollen and cotton carpets of great value were, about 2 years ago, got prepared in the Bangalore Central Jail and supplied for use in the Gumbuz. Two sets of silk cloths for covering the tombs, with wood lace at great cost were prepared for daily and extraordinary use in the Gumbuz and supplied at the same time. The Govt observe that nothing further requires to be done in the matter. ~~for these presents.~~

9 The ninth prayer is that the Gumbuz garden should be improved and that the malis should be given increases of pay. The Govt observe that there are already 12 malis getting decent pay and there is no necessity to ~~not~~ increase either their number or pay as their

work is at present not very heavy.
The flower garden ~~portion~~ of the
Gymnasium has been kept well,
but the other portion which
contains mango, cocoanut and
other trees as is in need of
improvement the deputy
Commissioner is requested to
report whether any improvement
to the latter garden is possible
and whether any outlay
is necessary therefor

10. The tenth and the
last prayer is in regard to the
revival of the appointments
abolished from time to time
in the Gymnasium Establishment.
From enquiries made, it has
been brought to the notice
of Govt that the old Establishment

of the Gumbuz was thoroughly revised by the late Khan Bahadur Mr. Abdul Rahman Sahib in 1888, when he was in charge of the Justice as City Magistrate of Mysore. It is understood that he fixed the Establishment so as to meet the actual needs of the time. The same Establishment has continued up to the present day with very little changes effected by Rai Bahadur Mr. A. Sreenivasachariar, the late Huzur Secretary. The Govt. see no reason why an Establishment fixed in this manner so as to meet all present requirements should now be increased to the scale which existed at the commencement of the last century when Seringapatam

was in a flourishing condition.

Dewan's order) 8/3/07

Secretary,

Ps/8/3/07 Mysore Deptt.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District, Retd and
" I G of Edn in Mysore with reference to para 2
" Comptroller, Mysore Govt of the order.
~~Copies to the Maharajah's~~

Endorsement ~~Enclosure~~ to

Subedar Syed Mohideen Bahadur of Mysore, and to the ~~Staff~~ Servants of the Gumbuz and the Masjid-i-Ala, at Seringapatam, in reply to their memorials nos 2522 and 527, dated 2nd January and 29th July 1905, respectively

By order,

Dewan's order) 8/3/07

Secretary

4.5.16 Copies to the Staff Supt, Huzdar and Nazim at Seringapatam

8/3/07

Draft as per 2265 Dewan's order.

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No. 4942 dt 24/4/07

Endorsement granted to Subedar Syed Mohideen Bahr. of Mysore, with refee to his memorial Regd. No. 2522, dated 2nd January 1905, regarding the affairs of the Gumbuz and Masjid-i-ala at Seringapatam

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The memorialist's first prayer relates to the transfer of the funds contributed to the Mohamedan school at Mysore from that at Ganjam. As regards this point, the Govt. observe that both those schools were established some years ago on the suggestion of the late Mr. Khan Bahadur Abdul Rahman Saheb as

being useful to the Mohomedan community in these places with the view of making their working efficient, the management of the schools was about 2 years ago transferred to the Education Deptt, the cost however being met from the Cumbus. It is understood that the school at Mysore is doing very well, ~~but that at Ganjam~~ is reported to be indifferently maintained under its present Hd Master one Abdul Majid Sahib the D.G of Education has been requested to take needful steps towards improving ~~the status of the latter school viz that at Ganjam~~ the Govt Humpore however see no reason to transfer the funds of the Mysore School to the Ganjam school as prayed for.

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of Mysore who is the President of the P. G. M. Charity Fund

5. In the matter of the fifth prayer of the memorialist that the money grant made to the poor from the Langarkhana charity attached to the Gumbuz should be converted into grain doles, the Govt observe that the payment of the amount in cash was resorted to some years ago so as to prevent a great many abuses which prevailed when the grain dole system was in force. They do not see sufficient reason to revert to the old system now and cannot therefore grant this prayer of the memorialist.

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a permanent man as cook and that temporary men are appointed as cooks during important festivals and paid for from Gumbuz funds. ~~The Govt therefore does not see~~ It is unnecessary ~~necessary~~ to appoint a permanent cook under these circs.

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to be done in the matter.

8 The eighth prayer is that the Gumbuz garden should be improved and that the malis should be given increases of pay. The Govt observe that there are already 12 malis getting decent pay and there is no necessity to increase either their number or pay, as their work is at present not to very heavy. The flower garden has been kept well, but the other portion which contains mango, cocoanut and other trees is in need of improvement. The matter is under the consideration of the Govt ~~The Department has been requested~~ to report whether any improvement to the latter garden is possible and whether any outlay is necessary therefor. ~~Steps~~ On receipt of the report, steps will be taken in the matter.

9. The ninth and ~~the~~ last prayer is in regard to the revival of the appointments abolished from time to time in the Gumbuz establishment. From enquiries made,

it has been brought to the notice of Govt that the old establishment of the Gumbuz was thoroughly revised by the late Khan Bahr Mr Abdul Rahman Sahib in 1888- when he was in charge of the Gumbuz as City Magistrate of Mysore. It is understood that he fixed the establishment so as to meet the actual needs of the times. The same establishment has continued up to the present day with very little alteration.

~~by Rao Bahr M. A. Sreenivasaiah, the late Mamlatdar~~. The Govt see no reason why an establishment fixed in this manner so as to meet all present requirements should now be increased to the scale which existed at the commencement of the last century. ~~when Seringapatam~~

was in a Hoisting Engine House.

By order.

Dewan's order) sd/-

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Draft as per Dewan's order

Nuzrai

Endowment granted to the servants of the Gumbuz and masjid-i-ala at Seringapatam with refce to their petn Regd No 537, dated 29th July 1905, regarding the affairs of the said Institutions

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The petitioners pray that the original practice of appointing the relations and dependants of Tippu Sultan and their descendants to posts in the Gumbuz and Kudrat Bagh should be adhered to and that no newcomers should be newly brought in. With reference to this point, the Govt observe that that is the policy which is being followed as far as possible consistently with efficiency ~~and that accordingly the persons in the Gumbuz and~~

~~mostly related to Tipu Sultan~~

~~& to some one of his dependants~~
but that can
No guarantee, however be
given by the Govt in the manner
asked for by the petitioners.

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to the revival of the appointments
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~~Rao Bahadur~~ Seemavasa Pandit
~~the late Munsiff Sahib~~. The Govt

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By Order,

Secretary)

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No. 5969 [illegible]

Endorsement framed to Khasim Khan and others of the Gumbuz at Seringapatam, with refce to their memorial No. 5419, dated 29th May 1907, praying that only the hakdars and their descendants ~~shou~~ be appointed to posts in the Gumbuz and Kindred institutions, and that the pensioners and non-hakdars who are already employed there be removed.

In reply, the memorialists are informed that the Govt have already, in their Endt No 4943 dated 24th April 1907, stated that the policy of appointing the relations and dependants of Tippu Sultan and their descendants to posts in the said Institutions is being

~~now~~ followed as far as possible
consistently with efficiency, but that
no guarantee can however be
given by the Govt in the manner
asked for by the memorialists.

2. As regards such non-Gazetted
who are already in service, the
Govt observe that they will not
be removed except for proved misconduct or
to discharge their duties.

By order,

Sd/)

Secretary

11/6/07